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COURT BEGINS WORK

Inquiry Into Maine Disaster Starts at Havana.

FEW NEW DEVELOPMENTS AS YET

Sobral, Who Made Reflections on American Naval Discipline, Is No Longer an Attaché of the Spanish Legation at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The naval court of inquiry appointed to investigate the Maine disaster has begun its work at Havana. This news came to the navy department from Admiral Seward at Key West. He simply telegraphed as follows:

"The court of inquiry will for Havana by lighthouse steamer Mangrove. Mars has arrived."

This prompt action is undoubtedly due to the express direction from Secretary Long to have the investigation begin at the earliest possible moment. By an error incident to the haste with which the orders were got out the first accounts placed Lieutenant Commander Seaton Schroeder on the board as the third member, while as a matter of fact Lieutenant Commander Potter, the executive officer of the flagship New York, holds that place. The board undoubtedly would have started sooner but for the necessity of awaiting the arrival at Key West from Washington of Lieutenant Commander Marix, a naval officer well skilled in the intricacies of marine law, who is to be judge advocate of the court.

Captain Sigsbee was heard from, and his message goes to confirm the press reports of the events of Saturday in Havana harbor, so far as they relate to the exploration of the wreck. It reads as follows:

"Only most experienced wrecking divers can do effective work on the Maine. In the upper works I can use service divers."



CAPTAIN W. T. SAMPSON.

[President Naval Board of Inquiry.] vers. Did some work today, but with little success. Parts of the Maine, especially the superstructure and connections, are a confused mass of metal."

Another brief telegram from Captain Sigsbee read:

"Havana, Feb. 20.—Bache."

Which means that the coast survey steamer has arrived at Havana, bringing all the diving apparatus sent from the squadron.

The navy department also received the following telegram from Captain Sigsbee: "Following is the condition of our wounded in Havana hospitals. Apprentice Koehler, slight improvement, condition still very grave; Holzer, same; Allen, slight improvement, condition grave; Heffron, Shea, Mattison, favorable; Loftus, convalescent, Cahill, improved, but grave; Mack, Waters and Webber, favorable." The report on the same subject from Captain Forsyth at Key West says: "Maine survivors all in good condition. Surgeon reports wounded doing well."

Secretary Long said, after looking over his telegraphic and mail correspondence, that it contained nothing of importance beyond the dispatches above given. The secretary referred with satisfaction to the dispatch stating that the court of inquiry would assemble at Havana. The plan had been for the court to meet first at Key West and after doing such work as was possible there to proceed to Havana. But Mr. Long thought it was desirable to have the court proceed at once to Havana, where the inquiry could begin on the actual scene of disaster and where personal inspection would aid in an intelligent judgment.

When Mr. Long's attention was called to reports that he had taken official cognizance of Captain Sobral's criticisms of the American navy, the secretary said that he had called the subject to the attention of the state department with a view to having an inquiry made by that branch. The particular expression to which the secretary had directed the attention of the state department was the following, attributed to Captain Sobral:

"It was the result of an explosion inside of the ship which took place in one of the forward magazines. The fact of the matter is that the discipline and the watch observed on the ship were very lax. This, as one English newspaper the other day declared, is the case on American warships generally. This sort of thing has occurred on previous occasions on American war vessels."

The secretary said that he had not called attention to those other features of Captain Sobral's alleged interview in which he refers to the possibilities of war and to the information he had gained while naval attaché of the Span-

ish legation. As a whole, Mr. Long did not treat the Sobral matter as profoundly serious.

Senor Du Bois, the Spanish chargé d'affaires, when spoken to on the matter, said:

"As regards this reported interview, I know nothing about it beyond what I have seen in the papers. I should imagine Mr. Sobral far too prudent to say anything calculated to offend brother officers for the victims of the Maine. A commemorative discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Dickie."

COMMANDER BARNETT'S VIEWS.

Thinks Forward Magazine Did Not Expose First, if at All.

HAVANA, Feb. 21.—Lieutenant Commander Barnett of the survey boat Bache said to your correspondent: "You want the facts. I can tell you there are 95 chances out of 100 that the investigation will show that the forward magazine of the Maine did not blow up first, if it exploded at all, and that it was not the cause of the terrific consequences that followed. The condition of the wreck when first studied and a later careful scrutiny make this almost absolute certainty."

Chaplain Chidwick of the Maine has recovered considerable sums of money, with letters and other personal property, from the bodies taken from the wreck. In one case the initials can be seen on the coat lining and may serve to identify the body of the wearer, but the harbor water is so filthy that the marks are nearly illegible. Chaplain Chidwick is one of the hardest worked officers, and upon him devolve some of the most repulsive duties of the situation. Father Power of the Jesuits arrived Saturday from Tampa and immediately visited the Maine's wounded in the hospital.

The Diario de la Marina publishes a dispatch from New York quoting Lieutenant Sobral's interview, in which he is said to have expressed the opinion that there was great lack of discipline and much carelessness on board of the Maine and that this was the principal cause of the disaster. The dispatch has caused a great deal of indignation among the Americans. At the same time the rabid Spaniards and some officials are very indignant against the American correspondents here, and trouble may occur.

Neither Spanish nor Cuban divers will be employed. Divers yesterday recovered the cipher code book, the log of the Maine and many official and private papers. The wounded are doing well. Probably four or more will be taken at once to Key West by the Bache.

Because of the Maine disaster, which has so exclusively occupied public attention during the last few days, no thought has been given to the rebels, but reports just received from the field show that their movements must be taken into account in studying the solution of this prolonged war.

General Gomez is coming west. For months he has lain inactive in the mountains. His forces have now reached Placetas, near Santa Clara, and, led by his own staff officers, have fought two successful engagements in the last week.

Senor Jose Congosto, the secretary general, is said to have asserted in a private interview that the government expected to be able to "buy up several members of the New York junta." It is generally believed, however, that the statement was made in order to quiet discontent here arising from the military failures of General Blanco and General Pando in the east.

The Vizcaya Anchors Off Tompkinsville.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The Spanish cruiser Vizcaya came up the bay yesterday afternoon arriving in the Narrows at 3 p.m., flying the American flag from the main truck and preceded by the steam pilot boat New York. On arrival at the Narrows a salute of 21 guns was fired. As soon as the salute was finished the American flag was hauled down. Health Officer Doty, on the quarantine boat Governor Flower, ran alongside and asked the customary questions, received the bills of health and the assurance that all were well and had been well since leaving Spain.

The Vizcaya's salute was not returned from either Forts Wadsworth or Hamilton, but the guns on Governor's Island answered. Surgeon Jurado of the Vizcaya reported the Vizcaya had 18 officers and 466 crew, making a total of 484 on board. Pilot Gillespie said that the cruiser would anchor off Tompkinsville, N. Y., and this programme was carried out. Two tugs loaded with newspaper reporters accompanied the vessel through the Narrows. Hundreds of people lined the adjacent shores. The soldiers at the forts could be seen surrounding the guns on the steep bluffs at Fort Wadsworth.

Captain Eulate, in an interview, referring to the catastrophe that had overtaken the Maine, declared that he and his officers were greatly shocked and that the sympathy of all were with the families who had lost those near and dear. In a frank and earnest way he expressed his sorrow, saying that he had duly sent a telegram to the secretary of the navy expressing his sentiments and those of the officers.

Coast Defenses Warned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Nearly 100 telegraphic dispatches were sent during yesterday from Governor's Island, the army headquarters of the department of the east, to the various points of fortification along the seaboard from Eastport, Me., to Galveston. All of these fortifications in which guns and mortars have been mounted are under the control of General Wesley A. Merritt, commander of the department of the east. The orders are to put the Atlantic coast in a state of defense.

Hurrying Work Along.

NORFOLK, Feb. 21.—Workmen at the Norfolk navy yard worked all day yesterday on the repairs to the monitors Terror and Puritan. A draft of men

for the latter vessel has arrived. One of their number died en route. Naval officers will not discuss rumors of trouble.

Request Service For Maine Victims.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—United States Ambassador White and the American colony in Berlin were present at the American church yesterday at a requiem service for the victims of the Maine. A commemorative discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Dickie.

Queen Regent bids Bernabe Farewell.

MADRID, Feb. 21.—The queen regent has given a farewell audience to Senor Polo y Bernabe, the new minister to the United States.

NAT GOODWIN MARRIED.

Despite Court's Decree He Makes Marriage Elliott His Wife.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, and Miss Maxine Elliott, the leading lady of his company, were married in this city at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the bridal suite at the Hollenden, Rev. S. H. Precher of the Euclid Avenue Presbyterian church officiating.

The only witnesses of the marriage were Miss Gertrude Elliott, sister of the bride; Manager Appleton of the Goodwin company, Mrs. Appleton and Manager F. A. Brobst of the Hollenden. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin were driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Boardman.



NAT GOODWIN.

on Euclid avenue, where they were entertained at dinner. Three weeks ago Goodwin received official notice that his former wife had secured a divorce from him in New York. By the decree he was prohibited from marrying during the life of his divorced wife. This prohibition, while legally operative in New York, has no effect in this state.

MARTIN'S DEFENSE.

Claims Justification In Shooting Miners and Charges Them With Violence.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 21.—The trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies for murder may close in two weeks, or it may be protracted until the first of April. The length of the trial will depend upon the defense, who will put on 168 or 318 witnesses.

John T. Lenahan, chief of the defense, says that much new matter will be brought out and that allegations going to prove justification of the shooting will be made in detail. These are to be followed by evidence calculated to show that striking miners, not the Harwood men, committed acts of violence for two weeks before the shooting at Latimer.

If this is excluded, Mr. Lenahan promises to produce 100 witnesses who will swear to violent acts done by the Harwood men on their way to be shot at Latimer. The battles of the coming week will probably be the most interesting thus far fought in the trial.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

There is an estimated deficit of 17,000,000 yen in the Japanese budget.

Jonas Preston, Jr., a mulatto, brutally murdered his wife at West Chester, Pa.

William Scanlan, the Irish romantic actor and singer, died in Bloomingdale asylum.

Troops have started from Seattle for Skagway to keep order there. Two more companies will go to Dyea.

George E. Oakes of Indianapolis has challenged General Lew Wallace to a duel for a slur on General McClellan.

A report from Gloucester, Mass., says the coal laden schooner William Johnson of Somer's Point, N. J., was lost in a gale.

William A. Boggs, the defaulting paying teller of the First National bank of Denver, is under arrest and is willing to confess how he got away with \$100,000 of the bank's money.

James Vesser and Robert N. Mills, connected with the Republican congressional campaign committee, are under arrest in Washington, charged with stealing 6,000,000 envelopes, the property of the committee.

Miss Willard's Will.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—By the terms of the will of Miss Frances E. Willard, late president of W. C. T. U., her estate will pass into the temple fund after the life interests of her secretary, Miss Anna Gordon, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary B. Willard, have expired. The property consists of Rest cottage, at Evanston, valued at \$16,000; a small cottage in the Adirondacks and \$3,000 in cash which was presented to Miss Willard on her fiftieth birthday.

Indian Land to Be Opened For Occupation.

KALISPELL, Mon., Feb. 21.—It is reported from Washington that the ceded portion of the Blackfoot reservation will be open for occupancy and exploration under the provisions of the mining laws of the United States about Feb. 25. This was formerly the largest Indian reservation in the country, and it is understood there is a valuable mineral belt in the strip.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

Stirring Debate on Cuban Affairs May Be Precipitated.

INFORMATION READY FOR CONGRESS.

Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill Part of Programme For Lower Body—Senate Will Discuss Hawaii and Corbett Among Other Matters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Unless the Cuban question or some phase of the Maine disaster should come before the house this week, the time will be devoted, nominally at least, to the sundry civil appropriation bill.

This bill will be reported to the house at once. It is a very voluminous measure, containing all the odds and ends of appropriations, as its name indicates, and is usually productive of more protracted contests than any other appropriation bill. It is understood that the information regarding the situation in Cuba, asked for last week by the house, has been prepared by the state department and is ready for transmittal.

Some of the consular reports bearing on the situation have been edited in places, but it is said that the situation as presented probably will call for some action, and if the information goes to the house this week an effort may be made to get it before the house in some manner.

For this reason, and in view of the condition of public sentiment pending the result of the official investigation into the cause of the disaster to the Maine, it is considered probable that the answer of the state department will be withheld for several days. In the face of the catastrophe which has occurred the members of the house who have usually rushed to the fore on the occasion of any sensational development either in foreign or domestic affairs, were ominously silent last week.

The extreme gravity of the situation and the farreaching consequences of hasty or ill-considered action tended to disarm them, but at any time during the consideration of the appropriation bill, where the greatest latitude in debate is allowed, a stirring discussion involving the recent sensational developments in Cuba may be precipitated.

But those in authority, by keeping the appropriation bill in the right of way, can easily prevent actual action by those who desire it, and the prevailing opinion of the conservative leaders on both sides is that both action and agitation are out of place until all the facts upon which a calm judgment can be predicated are known.

Senator Allen's Intentions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The diplomatic and consular bills will be considered and passed by the senate during the week. There will be more or less debate in executive session of the Hawaiian annexation treaty, and speeches will be made on the claim of Mr. Corbett to a seat in the senate on the appointment of the governor of Oregon. The Corbett matter will not be pressed, except to the end of having the speeches so far disposed of as to make sure of getting a vote at the time fixed—a week from today. The expectation is that the bill making appropriation for the consular and diplomatic service bill will be the basis for considerable debate.

It is understood to be Senator Allen's intention to make an effort to secure the incorporation in the bill as an amendment of his provision for the recognition of Cuban belligerency, and if he should make this effort the result might be a general discussion of the Cuban question.

While, however, this is among the possibilities, it does not at this time appear probable, for the senate is not now in mood for the opening of this question pending the Maine investigation; so that if it should be taken up this week, there would have to be a quite radical change in sentiment.

There are some senators, however, who are desirous of having the subject debated, and they may force the issue.

As Mr. Allen's amendment was adversely reported from the committee on foreign relations, Senator Hale will raise a point of order against it. This vice president will sustain, and Mr. Allen will of course appeal. There will be stubborn opposition to such an amendment if offered, and the contest may be an animated one if Mr. Allen persists in his purpose.

Independently of the Cuban amendment, the diplomatic bill is likely to cause debate on other questions. It seldom gets through the senate without being made the basis of more or less general discussion of the country's foreign policy.

Mr. De Concilio Seriously Ill.

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 21.—Mgr. de Concilio, the venerable rector of St. Michael's Roman Catholic church, who has been ill several days, was reported last night to be in a critical condition. The monsignor has long suffered from rheumatism, and a year ago he went to Europe on an indefinite leave of absence. He returned much improved.

Commissioner Welles' Body Found.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The body of former Poole Commissioner Welles of Brooklyn was found in the woods near Scotch Plains, N. J., yesterday. It was removed to Plainfield by permission of the coroner. The throat was cut and it was evident Welles had committed suicide.

Examinations For Attorneys.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—The state board of bar examiners announces that the examinations of applicants for admission as attorneys will be held in Boston on March 12, July 2, and at Springfield also on the last mentioned date.

The Fishermen Saved.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 21.—A dispatch received here from Helsingfors says that the 200 fishermen, who were carried to sea last Wednesday on a tract of ice that broke adrift on the coast of the gulf of Finland have been saved.

Thought to Be an Earthquake.

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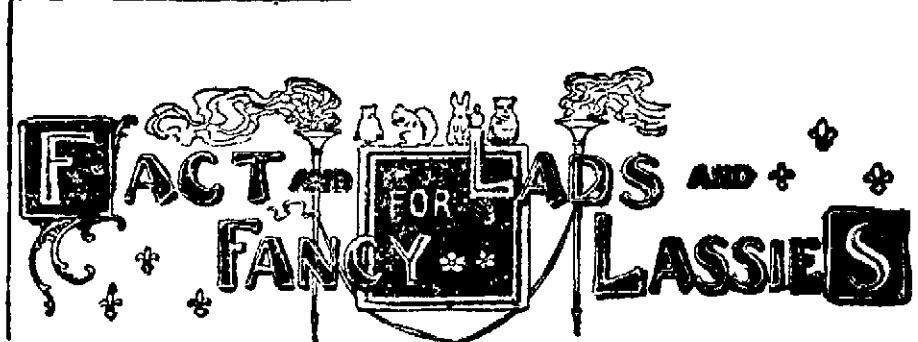
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A BIRD'S STOREHOUSE.

The California Woodpecker Packs Its Food Away Safely.

Fred A. Ober, who has been a great traveler, recounts some of the strange scenes he has witnessed for the benefit of readers of St. Nicholas. He contributes a paper to the number called "A Bird's Storehouse" at the Carpenter Bird." Mr Ober says:

He is a handsome bird, and if there were not so many of his species he would attract a great deal of attention. He has a bright red head, black-and-white body, and a needle-pointed tail. The tail supports him in a perpendicular position on the side of a tree, while he is hammering, or rather chiseling, a hole in its bark.

Now, all woodpeckers, having sharp-pointed beaks and very strong muscles in their necks and heads, can drive a deep hole into the side of a tree or stump; but this California woodpecker is said to surpass them all as hole-digger; and be not only digs the hole, but he fills it up with a nut or an acorn.

This is the strangest part of his performance; for while a great many other birds have the hole-digging instinct, there are very few of them that possess the hole-filling instinct. The blue jays and the squirrels have a habit of accumulating supplies in the shape of nuts and acorns, and you may see them, almost any day in autumn, snatching the acorns from twigs and

last, and has left his watch on the selected object; he, perhaps, has taken part in the discussion as to what it should be, because he wants something that his watch can indicate conclusively. The ticking of the watch leads Mary aright, and she picks up the watch and the information at the same time and conceals the one and displays the other. A luminous match box will answer for a guide as well as a watch.

When a quieter turn is wanted, just seat every one with a pencil and paper and ask them to set down from memory the figures on the clock in the next room or on the watches in their pockets—using the characters just as they are written on the faces of timepieces.

All will probably start out with great confidence, but ten to one no one will remember that the four in such cases is not written thus, IV., but thus III.

If you will arrange to have one part of the company recognize individuals in the other part simply by seeing one eye, you will give another surprise. We think we know the eyes of our friends, but when it comes to seeing an eye alone it is more than most people can do to tell a brown one from a blue one; a good way to arrange for this trial is to screen a door with newspapers in which a hole the size and shape of a large human eye is cut; or more holes than one can be cut in it and several eyes shown at once. The exhibited in this way are in one room and the scrutinizers in the other.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

At any rate, this bird can drill a hole in the very hardest wood, and at this business he is employed almost all the time. The holes are usually made in rows, at regular distances apart, each about the size of an acorn. He is never discouraged, and never gives up a task, even though it may seem most formidable. He has been known to surround a giant redwood tree, over 20 feet in circumference, with rings of holes one above another, from the root to the topmost limb, for over 200 feet. I say "he" did it, but I mean, of course, generation after generation of them, for many, many years.

After he has got the hole or holes o his hikin, he flies off to the nearest oak tree and secures an acorn, which he brings to the storehouse tree and places in the little "safety-deposit" he has made for it. It fits exactly, and so inserting it sharp end first, he has repeated wth his beak, and drives it in till it is firmly fixed.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Snow or rain; probably clearing Tuesday afternoon; colder; easterly gales backing to westerly.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a.m., 38°; 12 m., 36°; 3 p.m., 37°.

Commissioner McDonough, of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, devotes a portion of his annual report to the discussion of farm conditions and prospects. He quotes farmers as authority for the statement that farm values during the past decade have declined from fifty to seventy-five per cent, and is forced to admit that he sees little prospect of improvement in the agricultural outlook. To the farmers in the counties that supply milk to the New York market "at the unremunerative rates of 1-10, 1½ and 1¾ per quart for delivery at the railway, creameries and other receiving stations" the commissioner suggests that they should organize as a union and act as a unit in their dealings with the milk combination. Under such an organization they "can establish their own rates, and while the combination is hesitating as to what they will do about it, the farmers can convert their milk into cheese for the European market in the summer and into butter for the home market during the winter, and feed the by-product to the swine." This shows what wonderful grasp the commissioner has of the milk business. The scheme of union among producers is as old as the milk shipping business itself, but the man has not yet appeared who has been able to devise a scheme that would bring and keep the farmers into such a union. When the commissioner can eliminate the hard conditions that make each day's milk receipts a vital necessity to at least half the milk producing farmers he will have taken the first and most essential step toward making possible union for the control of the supply and the market price. And in this can be done it is idle to theorize as to how the farmers' lot can be improved.

The Argus had thought of offering a \$50,000 reward for evidence as to the cause of the battle-ship Maine's disaster, only we dislike to dabble in small change. We are now, however, at work upon an entirely new clew, tending to prove that the man who blew up the Maine is the same man who struck the late William Patterson. Upon the production, at this office, of proof that this theory is correct, we shall hand the perpetrator and his accomplices over to justice; publish in this paper full-page pictures of the criminals, together with autograph congratulations sent to us by the Akond of Swat and the Hymakamut of Bunkut; and proceed forthwith to pay the national debt. This offer we shall have signalled to-day to all parts of the solar system.—Albany Argus.

OBITUARY.

ELIZABETH Y. CLARK.

The death of Elizabeth Y. Clark occurred at Pell's Island, Sunday, of pneumonia. She was in her eightieth year. The funeral notice appears in another column.

BARNEY PERRY.

Barney Perry, formerly of this city, and brother of Thomas Perry, proprietor of the Electric Hotel on Low avenue, died at Orr's Mills, Sunday night about 5 o'clock.

The deceased had been ill about nine weeks, suffering from diseases of the kidneys and liver. He was sixty-five years of age. He was born at Vernon, N. J., and was the son of Bradner and Abigail (Briggs) Perry. Six sisters and one brother survive him: Thomas, of this city; Mrs. Berenice Riggs and Mrs. Eunice Cox, of Port Jervis; Miss Charlotte Hubbard, of Pontiac, Mich.; Mrs. Jane Slater, of Jersey City; Mrs. Celia Kyndall, of Brooklyn, and Mrs. Jeanne Longstreet, of Little Ferry.

His first wife was Ophelia Brown, whom he married at New Foundland, N. J., and who died nearly thirty years ago, leaving one daughter, Mrs. Samuel Cook, of Jersey City.

His second wife survives him with one child, Pansy.

Mr. Perry was best known as a driver of good horses. He was with James and John Goldsmith and owned good horses of his own at one time.

He conducted a hotel at Blairstown, N. J., in his early life, and later one at Walkill. He conducted the Bell House in this city before it was torn down, having sold out to Theo. Doremus.

He was employed when he died at the Cornwall Stock Farm which C. H. C. Beale sold recently.

The funeral will be held at Orr's Mills, Tuesday, at 10:30, and the body will be brought here on an evening train and buried in Hillside Cemetery, Wednesday morning, at the convenience of the family.

Will Take the Grand Lodge Degree.

Half a dozen members of Orange Encampment will go to New York City, tomorrow, to take the Grand Lodge degree. C. C. Foss is the regular representative of the lodge in attendance.

DIVERS WORKING AT THE MAINE
Recovering the bodies of the victims—
No truth in the story of another explosion.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, Feb. 21.—Divers, to-day, continue the work of trying to recover the bodies of victims of the Maine disaster.

There is no truth in the report that another explosion occurred at the wreck of the Maine, as might have been inferred by reports which reached Key West, yesterday.

A BOMB EXPLOSION.

Caused Great Excitement at a Masquerade in a Havana Theatre.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, Feb. 20.—At midnight, last night, while a masquerade ball was being given at the Irijoa Theatre, a bomb was exploded on the second floor, destroying the window blinds and roof. One person was seriously and two others slightly injured. The explosion caused great excitement.

NO NEW FACTS KNOWN.

HAVANA Dispatches Tell Nothing New Concerning the Maine Disaster.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Several reports came by telegraph to the State and Navy depots to-day.

None of the messages throw any light upon the cause of the Maine disaster and in fact nothing definite on this point can be known for several days to come.

HEAVY SNOW STORMS IN WESTERN NEW YORK.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

GENESEE N. Y., Feb. 21.—The heaviest snow storm of the winter is raging in this vicinity. Eight inches of snow has fallen up to seven o'clock this morning.

TO RECOVER THE MAINE.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Senate has passed the House joint resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the recovery of the Maine, and it now goes to the President.

HIGH WATER IN THE STREAMS.

The Heavy Rainfall Has Raised All Streams Above High Water Mark—Lowlands Flooded—Cellars Afloat.

The heavy rainfall of Saturday and Sunday nights raised all the streams in this section to far above high water mark. Monhagen brook was a raging torrent by 9 o'clock, Sunday morning, and the bed of the stream was given such a cleaning as it has not had in many a month.

All the lowlands in and about the city are flooded, in many places to the depth of several feet.

At the Traction Company power house the water was a foot deep in the boiler room, Sunday morning, and was at one time within two feet of the fire. No serious trouble was, however, experienced nor has the high water made any trouble at any point along the line.

The Walkill is rolling a vast quantity of water seaward. It rose, Sunday, at the rate of half a foot an hour and by the middle of the afternoon a good part of Midway Park was under water.

This morning, a telephone message from Louis V. Bauer was to the effect that the water was within three feet of the Phillipsburg bridge and rising steadily and rapidly. The Walkill is a peculiar stream in that, owing to the drowned lands acting as a vest reservoir, its does not reach its full height until other streams have begun to fall and if the flood continues serious trouble may result along the stream.

The approach to the Hopkins Bridge is under water and the bridge is unsafe for travel. The approaches to the Stony Ford bridge are also water.

The cellars in thickness which are flooded are so many that an attempt to name the owners who have been damaged would be useless. The high water washed away the foot bridge on Smith street, Sunday afternoon.

MADE HIMSELF A PRISONER.

FARMER USED AN AXE TOO EFFECTIVELY IN CUTTING AWAY A DOWNED TELEGRAPH POLE

A farmer driving near "hogback" tower, Sunday afternoon, discovered a pole hanging over the road obstructing his passage. He procured an axe and cut the pole, only to see several more poles go down, obstructing his progress and retreat. He was penned in several hours until the Erie linemen released him.

FAREWELL RECEPTION TO DR. AND MRS. GORDON.

A farewell reception to Dr. and Mrs. Gordon will be held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, Monday evening, Feb. 28, from 7 to 10 o'clock. Every member of the church and congregation is invited to be present on this occasion.

REV. JESSE C. CODDINGTON AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The Rev. Jesse C. Coddington, pastor at Mountville, preached an excellent sermon in St. Paul's Church, Sunday morning.

A SOUPABLE BALSAM

Would use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more cases of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup and all Throat and Lung Troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a Sample Bottle free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25c. and 50c.

FACE HUMORS

Pimples, blotches, blackheads, red, rough, oily, moth skin, itching, scaly scalp, dry, thin, and falling hair, and baby blemishes prevented by **Citicura Soap**, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery.

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JUDGE HIRSCHBERG'S COURT.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE SPECIAL TERM OF THE SUPREME COURT AT NEWBURGH, SATURDAY.

In Judge Hirschberg's special term in Newburgh, Saturday, arguments were heard and briefs submitted in the case of Lizzie Doty, who is suing the village of Port Jervis for \$25,000 damages for the loss of her husband, who was shot and killed by a special policeman, two years ago.

In the divorce case of Electra M. Leighton vs. Thomas J. Leighton an order was granted for \$50 counsel fees and \$5 a week alimony until the trial of the case.

Lawrence C. Picard vs. Mary C. Picard was the title of a Newburgh divorce case, in which adultery being clearly proved, a decree was granted. The couple have have six children ranging in age from twelve to two years, and since leaving her husband and taking up her residence with another man, another child has been born to Mrs. Picard.

Anne Waring, of Walden, was granted a divorce from Whitney Waring, the evidence showing that for six years he had maintained an establishment in New York over which a woman named Lizzie Baker presided.

W. E. O'Neill appealed to have the verdict of \$100 rendered in R. A. Sayer's slander suit against Lewis B. Scott set aside. Briefs were submitted.

J. W. Lyon, attorney for Lizzie Craft, administratrix, was given ten days in which to serve a complaint in her action against the Erie to recover damages for the loss of her husband, who was killed by the cars.

Surprised by Her Sunday School Class

Mrs. G. M. Conkling, of Mills Avenue, met with a complete surprise Saturday, when her class from the First Baptist Church Sunday School all called upon her. They had a good time and a supper was served which they brought with them.

NOT THE WAIL OF A BANSHEE.

The weird uncanny noise heard in this city for several minutes about 7 o'clock last night and which made the timid feel creepy wasn't the wail of the banshee but was Goshen's unearthly fire whistle.

Coudn't Stand the Rain.

Carl Iseman's horse stood the pelting hail as long as he could, while standing on James street, this morning, and then started on a run for the East Main street store. W. B. McDowell caught him at Orchard and North streets.

Dr. Bull's Pills
If your liver is torpid; if your appetite is poor; if you want your stomach toned up and your bowels and kidneys thoroughly cleaned, without debilitating yourself, take Dr. John W. Bull's Pills.

DIED

SLOAT—In this city, suddenly, Feb. 20th, Cornelius J. Sloat, aged sixty-two years. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, at two (2) o'clock, at Grace Episcopal Church. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

FELTER—In this city, Feb. 20th, '98, Charles E. Felter, aged forty-nine years, seven months, fifteen days.

Funeral services will be held from the First Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon, at twenty-thirty o'clock. Interment in Hillside Cemetery.

PERRY—At Orr's Mills, Feb. 20th, '98, Barney Perry, aged sixty-five years, four months, fourteen days.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence, at Orr's Mills, Tuesday morning, at ten-thirty o'clock. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

CLARK—At Pellet's Island, Feb. 20th, '98, of pneumonia, Elizabeth Y. Clark, in her eightieth year.

Funeral Wednesday, at eleven o'clock, from her late home, Pellet's Island. Interment in family plot, at Pellet's Island. Relatives and friends will please attend without further notice.

My last year's magazines

that I had bound at MCINTYRE'S BINDER,

32 North St., Middletown, look fine and the price was

all right.

OUR ANNUAL CLEARING SALE OF

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks Begins Monday, Jan. 3d

We have about 300 Cloaks to select from in all grades. Below we quote a few numbers—Our regular \$12.95 coat now \$7.95, our regular \$16 coat now \$6.40, our regular \$8.95 coat now \$4.75, our regular \$5.95 coat now \$2.98. Remember these are all facts, no sham figures. We stick to our custom, never advertise unless we have the article. Any one needing a Coat or Cape, should not lose sight of this opportunity at our handsome store.

L. STERN, 13-15 NORTH ST.

Still selling fine plaid, all lined Shirt Waists, regular \$1 kind, for 50 cents.

New Spring Dress Goods.

Now ready. We are daily receiving shipments of New Dress Goods, consisting of Canvas Cloths, Poplins, Serges, Camel's Hair, Coverts, etc. Prices from 25c to \$2 per yard. Will be pleased to show them.

Balance of our stock of GREEN CLOAKS at \$4.50 were \$10 to \$12, sizes 32, 34, 36.

CARSON & TOWNER,
No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

Our Derby Hats to Close at 50c. are Going Like Hot Cakes.

They are all good hats. Sold last fall for \$1.50 to \$3. Styles have changed, so SACRIFICE at 50c

NEW NECKWEAR Going Fast.

COST SALE OF READY-MADE CLOTHING IS TAKING
People realize the advantage of buying NOW.

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for Fine Goods.

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1,000 yards Bates' Seer sucker, the 12½c kind, 6½c.

1,500 yards Dress Ginghams, the 8c kind, 4½c.

2,000 yards Madder Prints, the 5c kind, 3½c.

10 styles Dress Patterns, reduced from \$2.79, \$1.95 per dress.

10 styles Dress Patterns, reduced from \$2.39, \$1.69 per dress.

50 doz. extra

WE ARE JUST

Taking our annual inventory for the 25th time, and we arise to remark, look out for us this spring. You have heard of "blood on the moon," and a twinkle in your eye, etc., but you have not heard, no, not even dreamed, of the prices we are going to offer on

FURNITURE, Carpets and Crockery

this spring. It won't be necessary to go out of our city to get goods cheap or find an assortment as we have, about seven car loads on the way.

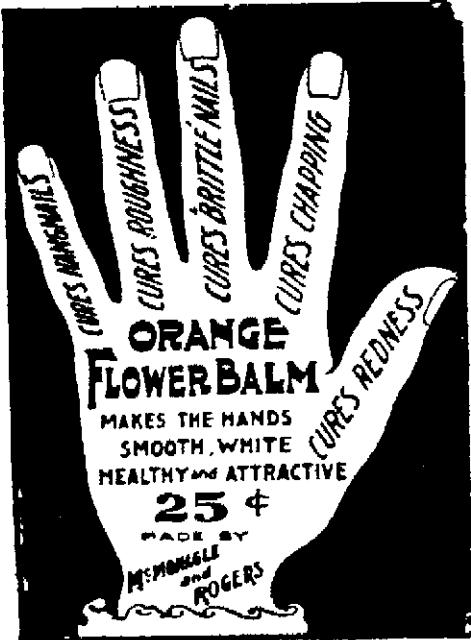
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Italian Violet Perfume, exquisite, fragrant and lasting—the true production of the delicate natural violets. Its popularity and sales constantly increasing; its odor unchanging.

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- Liberal credit at E. M. Gregor's.
- Cracker to a point at J. W. Sloat's.
- Sewing machine for sale by France & Hathaway.
- Books and rare goods cheap at Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s.
- Meeting of Hoffman Lodge, to-morrow.
- Meeting of Geo. Lyon Post, Wednesday.
- Middle-aged woman wanted.
- Three bargains at Economy Store.
- Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
- Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
- Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
- Phoebe's Cure for coughs and colds.
- Constipation cured by Cascarels.
- For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—McQuoid's ball, to-night.

—The Gormans at the Casino, Wednesday evening.

—S. and W. reception to-night, at the Assembly Rooms.

—“Mr. Beans from Boston” at the Casino, Wednesday evening.

—Remember the “advertisement night” social at Dr. Pillsbury's, to-night.

—Remember that McQuoid Engine company gives a ball at the Casino, to-night.

—The 24th Separate Company Band will meet Wednesday evening. Business of importance.

—Lancelot Lodge's anniversary entertainment occurs at its Castle Hall, to-morrow night.

—The Gormans in “Mr. Beans from Boston” at the Casino, Wednesday evening. Prices as usual.

—A spelling match and entertainment will be held at St. Paul's Church, Friday evening, Feb. 25th.

—The ARGUS acknowledges the courtesies of Lancelot Lodge for its anniversary reception, to-morrow night.

—Only about a hundred persons attended the Sawtelle Company's sacred concert at the Casino, last night.

—Help the Girl's Guild of Grace Church by attending their “advertisement night” entertainment at Dr. Pillsbury's, to-night.

—Remember the reception at the Assembly Rooms, to-night, under the auspices of the Susquehanna and Western employees.

—The Junior Order of United American Mechanics are anticipating great time at their dance, February 22, at the Assembly Rooms.

—The persons who won any article at St. Joseph's I. C. B. U. fair can have same by calling at Nearing Hall, to-night, after 7 o'clock.

—McQuoid Engine Company members tastefully decorated the Casino, to-day. They expect a large and appreciative crowd at their ball, to-night.

—Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. and A. M., will meet at 1:15 o'clock, to-morrow, to take action upon the death and attend the funeral of Cornelius J. Sloat.

—Mrs. Madeline Leppert, of Port Jervis, went to the bank, Saturday, to draw some money, and while on her way home lost her pocketbook, which contained \$37.

—The Girls' Guild of Grace Church will give its first entertainment, at Dr. Pillsbury's, to-night. They have arranged an entertainment that is sure to please and which will present some novel features.

PERSONAL.

—Gabriel Tuthill shows improvement to-day, being able to walk about his room.

—Edward Greenleaf, of New York City, spent Sunday in this city with J. A. Hoar.

—S. Kent Page, son of Rector W. W. Page, of Cornwall, is spending a few days with friends in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hartford spent Sunday in town, Mr. Hartford returning to New York, this morning.

—Dr. Douglas was called to Franklin, yesterday, by a telegram announcing the sickness of a cousin. He will return, to-night.

—Miss Phebe Elston and Miss Bella Hull will leave in the fall to fulfill an engagement with the Sawtelle Dramatic Co.

Changes Among the Clothing Store Employees.

Halsey E. Gould has resigned his position with S. Lipfield and accepted one with Louis Wolff, on James street.

George F. Bailey is closing out his stock of groceries at the corner of North and Prospect streets, and will go with S. Lipfield.

Louis Frankenstein will go with Chas. Wolff when he opens his North street store.

Prof. Hopkins at the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Hopkins, one of the professors in Hamilton College, will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church during the month of March. Dr. Hopkins does not preach as a candidate.

In the Social World.

—Miss Mame Wiener entertains at cards, to-morrow evening.

—Mrs. George N. Clemson entertains, to-morrow night, in honor of Miss Maud Davis.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harding will entertain the Highland avenue whist club, to-night.

The Post Office Lease.

Post Office Inspector Moses C. Duryea was in this city, to-day, and the final arrangements were made which locates the post office in the Gaither building for the next five years.

TWO VERY SUDDEN DEATHS

CORNELIUS J. SLOAT AND CHARLES E. FELTER SUDDENLY STRICKEN.

The Former Found Dying in His House on North Street.—The latter Fell Dead at the Wickham Avenue Station—Apoplexy and Heart Disease the Causes of Death—Sketches of the Decease.

Cornelius J. Sloat died suddenly at his home, No. 129 North street, Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock. He had lived alone there for several years, and he died almost before his friends knew that he was seriously ill or had any idea that death was near.

Mr. Sloat had been ill for some time past. About a week ago he fell down the back steps at his home, receiving bruises on the head, face, wrist and knee. Though weak he managed to reach his room. Meals were carried to him from Torrey's restaurant across the street, and Bookkeeper Edward Mills, of the O. and W., called on him each day. Friday afternoon, when he called Mr. Sloat was unable to open the door, and he acted so strangely Mr. Mills went away. Mr. Sloat was at the shop Friday and went out Saturday. On calling Sunday morning Mr. Mills was unable to get in and received no response from within.

He reported the fact to Mayor Mance, who went to the house. He too failed to effect an entrance, and becoming alarmed Captain Weber was summoned. He failed to get in and summoned two policemen, and the services of the jimmy which was left behind at the Middletown Ice Company's robbery were brought into play and the rear door was forced open.

During the delay in securing the jimmy the water was heard to commence running in the kitchen sink. On prying open the door it was found that the other doors and all the windows had been tightly nailed shut. A hurried investigation failed to locate Mr. Sloat on the first floor, but on going up stairs the Mayor, captain and Policeman Tyrrell found the object of their search lying on the floor of his bed room, his body partly covered by a night robe. One arm rested on a chair and one on the bed.

The visitors quickly picked him up and placed him in bed. There was not a fire in the house, and Mr. Sloat was badly chilled. He was partly conscious and after being rubbed sharply soon recognized Mayor Mance. A cup of tea and a broiled chicken were brought in when he complained of being hungry. Mayor Mance succeeded in getting several spoonsfuls of tea into his mouth and he seemed to revive. He asked for Dr. Smiley, who was summoned.

In the meantime the visitors went away to arrange for his removal to Mrs. Hedge's, only Mr. Mills remaining with him, while Officer Sharpe made a fire in the stove on the floor below.

Mr. Mills noticed that his patient was gasping and called to Officer Sharpe that he believed the man was dying. The two hurried to the bedside and a few minutes later he breathed his last.

The body was taken in charge by Undertaker Rockefellow. Acting under instructions of Coronor Decker, Sunday night, Drs. Powelson, Pillsbury and Hanmer performed an autopsy.

The autopsy revealed the fact that the deceased was a sufferer from Bright's disease, but that death was the direct result of apoplexy.

The coroner held an inquest, this afternoon.

Mr. Sloat was born at Scotchtown sixty-three years ago. He was a son of the late James C. Sloat. He came to Middletown when eighteen years old and finished learning the carpenter's trade with Richard Van Horn. He developed considerable architectural talent and prepared the plans for many buildings in this city. Soon after the O. and W. shops were located here he became superintendent of the carpenter shop, a position which he held until 1891, when he was made the shop's mechanical draughtsman, which place he held until his death.

He was twice married. His first wife, Harriet A. Poppino, died in 1859, leaving two children, Charles, an O. and W. engineer, and Eugenia, who died at the age of three years. In 1877 he married Sadie Beatty, who died April 28, 1887.

A brother, Alfred H. Sloat, of Port Jervis, and a sister, Mary J., widow of Henry Williams of Port Jervis, survive.

Mr. Sloat was at one time a trustee of Middletown village and was a life member of Hoffman Lodge, F. and A. M.

The funeral notice appears elsewhere.

Charles E. Feltner.

Charles E. Feltner, a brakeman employed in the O. and W. milk train service and residing at 64 North street, had been obliged to lay off for a week, owing to illness, but Sunday morning he went to the station, accompanied by his son. The latter was to go out on the run with his father to do heavy work.

Mr. Feltner sat down in a chair and said he guessed he would not go out on his run. He began to feel worse and his son went after Dr. Lemon, J. F. Gibbons, Jr., Thomas Girard, M. Doran and Fred Weir were in the next room. They heard him begin to breath hard, and going in saw his head fall back and he was dead. The doctor could do nothing to revive him on his arrival.

Coroner Decker was notified and Knapp & Merritt took charge of the body.

Charles Edward Feltner was born in the town of Highland, July 5, 1848, the son of John Feltner and Abbie Higby. He came to this city sixteen years ago, and has been employed on the O. and W. for the past twelve years. He served in the war as a member of the 158th Regiment, was a member of General Lyon Post, G. A. R., and the Union Veterans' Union,

holding the office of Colonel in the latter organization.

The deceased is survived by his wife, to whom he was married June 21, 1870; also by two sons and two daughters: Herbert Edgar and Floyd, who reside at home; Mary, wife of C. Neuberger, of this city, and Cornelia, wife of T. C. Davy, of Rockville, near this city. The mother of the deceased resides at Reed's Creek, Delaware county, N. Y., and his father was killed in Gildersleeve's tannery, at Fowlerville, Sullivan Co., twenty-seven years ago. The following brothers and sisters of the deceased survive: Augustus, Geo. M., Isaac, William, Anna, wife of James Charles, and Valia, wife of Manning Odell, all residing at Reed's Creek. John and Caroline, wife of Joseph Kyle, reside at Monticello.

Mr. Feltner was universally esteemed by all who knew him. He was naturally of a jolly disposition, and was devoutly attached to his family and home. While a resident of Equinox, Pa., he was a member of the M. E. Church, but never joined a church here.

Notice of funeral, which will be in charge of the O. and W. employees and military organizations appears elsewhere.

THE ICE STORM.

All Nature Enclosed in a Glittering Sheath—Much Damage Done to Telegraph Lines—Trouble With the Telephone Systems.

Saturday night's rain, freezing as it fell, encased everything in a glittering sheath and trees and shrubs presented a beautiful appearance, Sunday morning. During the day much of the ice covering melted away, but, Sunday night, ice storm conditions again prevailed and this morning everything out of doors was thickly coated with ice.

Little if any damage has been done to trees, for only a few twigs have fallen, but the weight of the ice on the thickly covered wires made trouble with telegraph and other wires.

The Postal Telegraph Company has been the greatest sufferer. Manager Fisher discovered, Sunday morning, that his call boxes and outside connections were all useless, and no key clicked in his office until noon, to-day.

The Western Union office has experienced no great difficulties east of this city, but up at Otisville, this morning, twenty-five poles fell to the ground and Erie Linemen Smith Gibbons and Saunders and their assistants have been repairing the damage, to-day. They have found the work particularly hard as the ice was so hard and thick that the climbing spurs would not penetrate the wood to a safe distance, except under great effort.

The fire alarm system got out of order, Sunday, and the tappers in the various fire houses kept up a frequent irregular ringing, but the big alarm bells did not ring. An electric light pole fell at Myrtle and Prospect avenues, early Sunday morning, and for about ten minutes, from this or some other cause, all lights were out in the city.

The Hudson River Telephone Company did not experience any particular annoyance until Sunday night, when the Port Jervis line ceased to operate. This morning the Goshen line began to cut up, and the new central stated that a thunder and lightning storm was passing over the county seat and causing the two lines to that place to work poorly.

The Orange County Telephone Company had but slight difficulty. An electric light wire dropped on one of the company's wires on West Main street, Sunday, burning out several fuses.

The ice on the tracks and the trolley wire, slightly interfered with the time schedule of the Middletown Goshen Traction Company early Sunday morning and again this morning but by ten o'clock the cars were running on time.

The excellent construction of the line is shown by the fact that no trouble was experienced with the overhead system.

Maple Dale took its name from the pretty row of maples along the highway by O. W. Maples' farm. The ice and wind storm, twisted and broke several of these trees beyond recovery.

The O. and W. wires broke under the weight of ice, to-day, all along the line from this city to Liberty. Supt. Hopkins, and Roadmaster Dickey went up the line on O. and W. 26 to repair the damage.

The Crawford branch trainmen report that the tracks are flooded near Crawford Junction, but not deep enough to cause any delay or particular annoyance.

Banks and Schools Will Be Closed, To-morrow.

The banks and schools will be closed in this city, to-morrow (Washington's Birthday).

The post office will close to-morrow morning at 11 a. m. and re-open from 7 to 8 p. m.

Washington's Birthday Sociable.

The Sunday School of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church will hold a



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A BIRD ON THE BONNET.

In Odd Experience Which May Happen Any Woman.

A new danger has been found to attend the wearing of dead birds on hats and bonnets. A Shreveport (La.) paper gives an account of a singular occurrence near the town of Houghton, not far from Shreveport. A young girl of that place had bought in \$1.00 worth a hat of the latest style, decorated with a golden bird. She had on the hat, which was fastened in the chin with strings, and was walking a little way into the country to show it to a friend.

She was no sooner outside the town than she noticed a large American eagle flying around over her head, and seeming to follow her. She was not disturbed although she thought it strange.

Some seconds later, however, she was disturbed indeed, when she felt some great object descend upon her, and the sharp talons of an eagle piercing the sides of her head. She screamed, and for a moment believed herself to be drawn up into the air. It is scarcely possible, however, that this could actually have taken place. But it is certain that the young girl presently found herself on the ground, badly frightened and somewhat hurt, and also minus her fine new hat with the golden bird on it. This entire triumph of the milliner's art the eagle had flown away with into the upper air.

It is needless to say that she never recovered it; though whether the eagle really enjoyed his meal of stuffed and dried bird may be doubted.

ADVICE ABOUT EATING.

Women Should Take More Time Between Meals.

It wouldn't make so much difference as to what a woman eats says a publication which claims to be authority on culinary topics, if she would only wait long enough between meals to get hungry, but she doesn't, and there's where the trouble begins. Nature is a treacherous old jade. Given time, she will digest and assimilate almost anything that the stomach can retain.

It is a well-known fact that spells of diverse fortune are invariably accompanied by superior physical conditions. Trainers' families never look so well as during a panic. High-toned criminals usually come out of prison in better health and face than they had when they went in. And who has not remarked the refinement of spirit and nature born of sorrow and temperament improved families. It is well worth the expense of a trip to Carlsbad or Axel-sle-Bains—not only to take the waters, but to learn how not to take the foods that torment and destroy the body.

Unless a woman washes or works for a living she doesn't need three meals a day of her life. It takes systematic work to consume that much fuel. Engineers are too clever to fill the furnace with coal unless there is a trip to make, elevator to run or work to do.

It doesn't matter what a man looks like so long as he is decent and healthy. It is the duty of every girl's woman to be as good looking as her circumstances will permit. Women often eat themselves ugly, old and brutal.

ROYALTY DANCED IN BALLET.

in the "Good Old Days" It Was Considered Proper In England

that the members of the Royal family were to be seen in a sort of train riding about the streets of London in their carriages.

And the Queen's ladies in waiting.

WARWICK LIGHTED BY ELECTRICITY

The Electric Light Plant Started Up, Saturday Evening—Worked Perfectly

The electric light plant at Warwick was started up, Saturday night. Much local interest was manifested in the event.

Among those present were representatives of the General Electric Co., the Port Wayne-Jenney Co., the Watertown Engine Co. and the Hogan Boiler Co., the concerns which furnished the equipment for the plant.

Boiler, engine and dynamos all worked perfectly and as soon as the machinery started and the current was turned on the village was ablaze with electric lights.

A large number of people were about the plant when it was started up. Much enthusiasm was manifested and much satisfaction expressed at the fine quality of the light and the perfect working of the plant. Music by the village band and a display of fire-works were features of the evening's celebration.

THE HAMPTON CREAMERY.

Why the Erie Will Close It—Farmers to Fit Up a Creamery of Their Own.

The Erie has notified the lessees of its creamery at New Hampton that after April 1st the creamery will be closed.

The agent at that station is authority for the statement that this is done on account of the Anglo-Swiss company which, finding the creamery a rival in the buying of milk, notified the Erie that if it was not closed all the condensery's freight to and from this city would be sent by other lines.

The farmers in the vicinity of Hampton are raising funds to equip a creamery in the Probert building, which they will lease to the present occupant of the Erie creamery. It is expected that he will handle about 200 cans of milk a day after April 1st.

WILL BUILD TO MILFORD.

Plans for the Extension of the Port Jervis Electric Road.

The Port Jervis trustees granted, Friday night, an application of the electric railroad company for the right to extend its line from West Main street through Ferry and other streets to the Delaware river. The officers of the company explained that they proposed to build a line to Milford, Pa. The franchise requires that the road be completed by Dec. 31, 1900.

Holiday Schedule on the Erie.

The Erie announces that on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, they will run trains on holiday schedule as follows: East, the Orange county at 7:10, No. 38 at 10:48 a. m., and No. 23 at 7:26 p. m., and No. 9 west at 11:25 a. m. will run in addition to the regular Sunday schedule effective on that date. No train will, however, go east at 8:23 a. m., nor will there be any Newburgh connection with the Orange county in the morning. 74d4t

Middletown Represented at the Dog Show.

The dog show which opens in New York, to-day, will be of unusual interest to Middletowners for the reason that George N. Clemson, Thomas Watts and George A. Wallace of this city, are among the exhibitors. The former shows a dozen dogs and Mr. Watts four and Mr. Wallace four. These exhibits should draw prizes to Orange county.

Italians at a Christening.

A large number of friends of Stefano De Massi, professor of boot illumination, at Barrett's barber shop was happy, Sunday, when his child was christened at St. Joseph's. There was a large number of his friends present, and after the ceremony a banquet was served at "Steve's" house.

Annual Meeting.

The Ladies' Mission Circle connected with Christ Universalist Church will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. J. Newton Emery, corner East Main and Orchard streets.

Middletown Club vs the 24th A. A.

The members of the Middletown Club have challenged the 24th A. A. base ball team to a game at the armory at an early date. Harry M. Hayes, Chas. B. Buckley, H. K. Wilcox, F. M. Madden, T. L. Hayes and Fred S. Rogers will be on the club team.

Trout Fry for Local Watermen.

John Wilkin has been notified that the Fish Commission will send him 2,000 trout fingerlings this spring in addition to the assignment of fry in this vicinity.

O. and W. Conductors' Contest.

W. Ferris leads in the O. and W. conductors' contest with 225 votes. C. J. Eagan is next with 210 and M. C. Hoke third with 142.

Open to St. Augustine.

Mrs. D. C. McMonagle left to-day, for St. Augustine, Fla. She was accompanied to New York by Mr. McMonagle.

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THE LENTEN SEASON.

Order of services to be held at Grace Church.

Rector Evans, of Grace Church, has announced the following order of services in Grace Church during Lent:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 23.—At 7:30 a. m., holy communion; at 8:30 a. m., morning prayer (especially for school children); at 10 a. m., litany and address; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and address.

Week day services till Easter day, April 10th:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—Morning prayer at 8:30 a. m.; evening prayer and address at 4:30 p. m.

Wednesday—Litanies and penitential service, 8:30 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon by visiting clergymen, 7:30 p. m.

Holy Communion—St. Matthias' Day, Feb. 24, at 9:30 a. m.; Annunciation of the Virgin, Friday, March 25th, at 9:30 a. m.; every Sunday, at 7:30 a. m.; first Sunday in March (6th) at 11 a. m.; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in holy week, at 9:30 a. m.; Maundy Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.

Good Friday, April 8th—Morning prayer, 8:30 a. m.; ante-communion and sermon, 10 a. m.; three hour service, from 12 to 3 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Easter Eve, April 9th—Ante-communion, 10 a. m.; evening prayer and infant baptism at 4 p. m.

Easter Day, April 10th—Holy communion, 6 a. m.; morning prayer, sermon and holy communion at 11 a. m.; evening prayer with Easter carols at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Stewart's Kingston Spielkartenfest

Miss Lila A. Stewart's spielkartenfest in aid of the Kingston Hospital came to a most successful end, Saturday night. The total receipts were \$4,200 and the net profits about \$2,300. S. D. Cokendoll will make the amount \$3,000, and thus secure the \$1,000 Dr. Burtell offered to give toward paying the hospital's debt.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 21, '98.

Yesterday To-day Close Clo. 6

	129	127½
Sugar.....	91½	91
Tobacco.....	93½	92½
Chicago Gas.....	34½	33
Nat. Lead.....	34½	34
General Electric.....	63	62½
U. S. L. pref.....	22½	22½
Tenn. Coal and Iron.....	12½	12
A. T. & S. F.	28½	28
C. B. & Q.	28½	28½
C. M. & St. P.	28½	28½
R. I.	90½	89
D. L. & W.	95½	94
C. of N. J.	14½	14½
Erie.....	11½	11½
D. and H.	16	16
O. & W.	16½	16
Susquehanna & Western.....	34½	34½
Susquehanna & West. pref.....	20½	20
P. & R.	126½	123½
N. W.	115½	114½
L. S.	12	12
N. Y. C.	30	29
M. P.	65½	62
Texas....	150	151
U. P.	42	38½
W. Union....	91	90½
L. & N.	56½	55½
Manhattan....	114	110½
P. M.	30	29½
Wabash, pref....	18½	18½
No. Pacific, pref....	65½	62
Metropolitan Traction....	42½	41½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit....	30	29½
Southern, pref....	105	106½
May Wheat....	31½	30½
May Corn....	27½	26½
May Oats....	21½	20½
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27 Ladies' Odd Wrappers. Some are dark, others are very light, a few flannelette and satins in the lot. All to go at 49c.

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